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Letter dated 25 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour herewith to transmit the present letter with regard to the U.S.-south Korea Ulji Freedom Guardian 17 joint military exercise that have been forced by the U.S. from the date of 21 August 2017, disregarding repeated concerns and oppositions from the international communities.

The U.S. by no means could never camouflage its aggressive true nature of the military drill, though they widely announcing of the joint military exercise as of "annual" and "defensive" manoeuvres.

It is well to know about how intensively the nature of the joint military exercise is provocative and aggressive, if we ascertain only a fact of the purpose of this military drill is concentrated on the target of "decapitation operation" and "secret operation" to remove the supreme headquarters of the DPRK under "Operation Plan 5015".

It is nothing but only the hysteric reckless undertaking just like to add fuel to open fire that the U.S. is staging such kind of provocative and aggressive joint military exercise at this critical moment of the Korean peninsula where the situation is just like a time bomb that nobody sure when to blow up.

All the situation prove vividly that the danger of nuclear war is approaching from the U.S. which remains doggedly unchanged in its sordid intention to conquer the DPRK by force and the U.S. is only the ringleader for destruction of the peace.

Acknowledging that the joint military exercise staged by the U.S. in collaboration with south Korea constitutes grave threats not only to the Korean peninsula but also to the international peace and security, the DPRK strongly requests the Security Council of the United Nations to place the issue of the joint military exercise as its emergency agenda and discuss in the meeting with no further delay.

Should the Security Council, assuming its primary mission for the maintenance of international peace and security, ignores again the DPRK's justified requests,

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then it would only come to make a public disclosure of the Security Council by itself that generated only into the marionette and political tools of the U.S.

Once the U.S. flagrantly revealed its hostile intention against the DPRK by responding with the aggressive joint military exercise, despite warnings from DPRK of watching over a little bit longer the behaviour of the U.S., it is the fair and square self-defensive right of the DPRK to cope with reckless aggressive war manoeuvres and the U.S. would be wholly responsible for any catastrophic consequences to be entailed from the result.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Genera Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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